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Upcoming Events

PRIMETIME TRIP

10:00 am Tuesday, November 2

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 5

SPECIAL SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 7, Paul Gibson, Guest Speaker

November 14, Honoring Our Veterans,

The Porters/Compass Aviation & Baptism

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES

7:00 pm Monday, H.S. Guys

6:00 pm Tuesday, H.S. Girls

4:30-6:00 pm Wednesday, November 3, 10, & 17

5:30 Thursday MS Boys & Girls

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

November 24th

DECORATING THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 21 After Worship

HANGING OF THE GREENS

10 am Sunday, November 28

LOOKING FORWARD

Friday, December 3rd

Community Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 5th

Trimester Business Meeting

Pastor Shaker's Retirement &

Christmas Banquet

Wednesday, December 8th

Pizza with Santa

FBC MURPHY

Connect. Grow. Go.

NOVEMBER 2021 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

BE THANKFUL

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

In the above scripture we hear Paul sharing about a very important message for the Thessalonians church.

1. Paul talks about rejoicing always. He is saying that our prayers, joy and thankfulness should not fluctuate. It must be consistent, constant and intentional.

Joy is always appropriate in the life of a Christian. Joy comes because of our intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as our redeemer.

2. Praying continually is again a relationship one has with the Holy Spirit. This relationship shows our dependence on His guidance in our daily lives.

3. Giving thanks is something we need to cultivate on a consistent basis. Giving thanks acknowledges that we are grateful for everything that is provided.

When we are conscious of these three things we will see people in a new perspective. We will find it easier to be joyful and grateful.

We need to be alert and make sure we do not fall prey to this epidemic in our

society of ingratitude that is all around us. When we are not willing to live a grateful life before others it is indicative that we are not grateful before God.

Ingratitude exists in our life because we are not in prayer and worship constantly. God wants us to be thankful, so our life can overflow with His abundant life.

Sometimes we feel entitled to happiness and prosperity because we are Christians. God does not owe us. We owe Him everything. He has already given us everything we need now and in the future. Through His son and his death on the cross for us. We have been blessed far beyond what we can hope for or imagine.

We must return to having hearts that are overflowing with thankfulness. People often take life for granted rather than considering it a gift.

This Thanksgiving Season we need to look back at the past year to see how God has blessed us in every way. Yes, some of us have lost loved ones, but they have left us with memories and their lives are an example for us to follow. We need to be thankful we have a roof over our head, food on the table, and a church family that

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The Christmas Season Is Here!!!

Come Decorate the Church

Sunday, November 21, at 11:30 am

Everyone is invited to an evening of holiday spirit and fun. Bring the whole family to help kick off the Christmas season by decorating the church. The fun will start immediately following worship at approximately 11:30. Pizza will be served for lunch but be prepared to work. The more people that help, the faster everything will get done and cleaned up. Make plans to help...this is always a fun afternoon filled with the holiday spirit.

"HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Sunday, November 28, at 10:00 am

The congregation will be led through this special holiday service that reminds us of the significance of the decorations which adorn our Sanctuary and building each Christmas season. This is a great service to invite family, friends & neighbors to as we enter the season of our Lord Jesus' birth.

Christmas Banquet and Pastor Shaker's Retirement

Sunday, December 5 at 5:30 pm

The Christmas Banquet has always been a wonderful holiday event for the whole family but this year it will be even more special as our church family acknowledges and celebrates the retirement of Pastor Shaker. There will be a time for sharing and live music during dinner.

Contact Kathie Grob, (618) 924-7017, to make your reservations.

Reservation Required...Deadline is November 28th!

TRIVIA NITE

Sunday, November 14th

5-8 pm in Fellowship Hall

Come on out & test your wits at our

Annual TRIVIA NITE!

Get 8 of your friends together & sign up your Team,
or we will find a Team for you!!!

10 Rounds of Pure Trivia! \$10 per person

PRIZES!!

Popcorn & Drinks Provided

To register call Kristy Dunning at 534-3054

All proceeds will benefit the 2022 Summer Mission Trip

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cares. Paul says in I Thessalonians 5:18 to give thanks in all circumstances.

Nicolette, Hannah and I are thankful to each and everyone of you. God bless. Enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving with your family.

In Christ's Steps,
Pastor Shaker



Church Office Closed For November Holidays

The church office will be closed **November 11th and 12th**, so the staff can observe the Veterans Day holiday. The office will also be closed **November 25th & 26th**, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. In case of an emergency, Pastor Shaker can be reached at home.

The Wednesday evening activities will **NOT** take place on **November 24th**. The staff would like to wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day and weekend! During this season of thankfulness, please remember to count the many blessings our Lord has graciously bestowed upon all of us.

Praise God!!

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Opening Prayer: Pastor Shaker
Devotional: Relating the Parables into our daily lives

Ministry Team Reports

- Outreach, Evangelism & Missions: Kristy Dunning, Tina Evans In November the Porters will be here in person presenting Compass Aviation. Trivia Night for Summer 2022 Mission Trip be November 14 from 5-Bpm.
- Youth & Kids Ministry: Kari Graff, Tammy Davis Youth: Baby Dedication/Baptism went well, have 9 students considering. Youth wrote a letter to our GFA Sponsored child. HS Girls retreat went well. Youth are making one of the Wednesday meals during the month. Laser Tag Lock-IN has been postponed to November, will monitor COVID regs before setting a date. Youth Christmas Dinner and Party, Serving for tips at BQT. Kids: AWANA program, is going great! Kids are learning memory verses and having a great time. AWANA Splash Splash outreach was great! AWANA store opened. Our Church and AWANA walked in the Kiddie Parade. A Kids Play will be presented in December, AWANA Grand Prix will be in January.
- Adult Small Groups & Bible Studies Ministry: Kari Graff & Steve Wilkerson The Small Groups continue to meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Need small groups and leaders for MS & HS students and Young Adults on Sunday mornings.
- Financial and Stewardship: Vicki Ardrey Financial Report: End of July report was presented. Report was approved by consensus. 2nd PPP Loan Forgiveness Application has been approved. Received a gift of \$6,000.00 from Jim Carlock's Estate. It was brought to our attention that due to the decrease in offering the General/Operating Fund ac-

counts were getting too low. The Council approved the Treasurer or Financial Secretary to transfer up to \$10,000 from the Investment Account to the General Fund, as needed.

- Building and Grounds: Judy Rawls, Tony Stamm Pavilion moving forward, making progress on building structure. Getting bids on the following repairs: Trimming trees, exposed bricks in the stairwells, Parlor Sound-proof dividers. Carpet for Pastor's study, office and Jesse's office. Repairs to soffit on south/west side of building. Landscaping in front of church, to hide A/C units and pipes.
- Special Events/Kitchen & Dinners: Frances Reiman September 14, served 21 Carnival workers, plus the interpreter and her son from Carbondale. Christmas Banquet/Shaker's Retirement Party is tentatively set for Sunday, December 5.
- Worship Ministry: Vicki Ardrey, Tina Evans Sunday Services continue to be aired online on the FBC Murphy Facebook page. Choir practice has resumed on Wednesdays. Jacob working on Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Season services. Discussing a Prayer Service. Early planning stages of a Women's Conference at the Ark in the spring.
- Technology Team: Kevin Penrod Bradley using a new program to revamp the Veteran's video.
- Pastoral Staffing: Tony Stamm Committee continues to work through applicants.
- Nominating Team: Judy Rawls, Linda Wright, and a member at large.



Andy & Esther
Porter
Compass Aviation
Shelby, NC

Andy is from Preston, in the north of England and Esther is from Coshocton in east central Ohio. They met at church in Coshocton when Andy came to train to be an missionary aircraft mechanic over 12 years ago. Upon gaining his license they looked at several options of where to serve and God lead them to Compass Aviation in Shelby, NC, where they have been for 8 years.

Andy uses his skills inspecting and repairing aircraft and training the next generation of mechanics. Over the past 15 years Compass Aviation has trained pilots and mechanics to serve overseas, with graduates in over 5 different countries serving with various mission agencies. Aviation is still a vital part of overseas missions in order to overcome physical barriers to people hearing the Gospel of Jesus.

Words of Appreciation to the FBC Family

FBC Family, We can't thank you enough for all the kind words and prayers you have shown our family. We are beyond grateful. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to heal.

Love, Andrea and the Waddington Family

Thanks for supporting the Mission Team's Chicken n Dumpling Dinner. We raised \$1000 to help with the Mission Trip 2022.

The Mission Team

CALLING ALL KIDS!

The FBC Kids are planning to present a Christmas Play once again.
All kids are welcome!
If you are interested in participating,
Contact Jesse at 618-713-7505.



IT'S TIME FOR THE TIME CHANGE!

Daylight saving time ends Sunday, **November 7th**. Before going to bed on Saturday night, November 6th be sure to turn your clocks back one hour.



PRIMETIME IS ON THE ROAD TO CHESTER

All active senior adults are invited to have a leisurely lunch at Reid's Harvest House in Chester, Illinois on **Tuesday, November 2nd**. The bus will leave the church at **10:30 am**. Lunch is dutch treat. If you would like to go, the sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or contact the church office to have your name added to the list.



A Youth Bonfire will be on Sunday, November 7th at 4 pm at the Dunnings. This bonfire is for 6th thru 12th graders. Talk to Jesse at 618-713-7505 if you need a ride.

A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

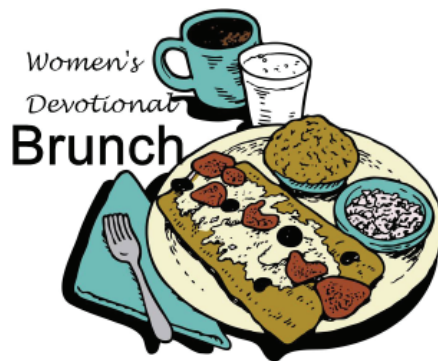


On **Sunday, November 14th** during the worship service a special presentation will recognize our veterans and how they served this great country.

If you are a part of the FBC family of faith, a veteran or currently serving in the military, and you have never submitted a picture of yourself with your military service and rank information, be sure to get your information to techsupport@fbcmurphy.org by Sunday, November 7th.

The next FBC Women's Brunch will be held on Tuesday, **November 17th**. They will meet at **Denny's in Carbondale at 10:00 am**.

If you are planning to attend or need a ride contact Kathie Grob at 618-924-7017.



Displayed in the Fellowship Hall is a beautiful quilt, hand made by Christina Hollis, the daughter of Jeff & Linda Wright. Raffle tickets can be purchased for **\$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20**.

The drawing will be held so you can take it home before Christmas. Purchase the tickets by talking to Kristy Dunning, Kari Graff, or the Church Office at 618-687-1769.

All proceeds will go toward the Summer 2022 Mission Trip.

FOOD PANTRY ASKS FOR HOLIDAY FOOD ITEMS

For the holiday season, the Murphysboro Food Pantry would love to have a holiday food basket for all those who are unable to afford the additional expense of the special meal.

They are asking everyone to bring canned and boxed foods and please include items such as boxed stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, dessert mixes, canned vegetables and fruits, etc.

The food pantry is also in need of volunteers to do the many tasks that need to be done. Just two or three hours, one day a week would be helpful.

Your time and generosity will be a blessing as well as a wonderful gift to someone less fortunate.

HELP SAY THANK YOU BY GIVING TO THE RMMO



Retired
Ministers +
Missionaries
Offering

Through our faith in God, and our gratitude for the salvific actions of Jesus Christ we are called to be faithful servants of the gospel and to live out the ministry of Jesus in word and deed. The gratitude that we have for Jesus' gift to us is the seed

from which springs the gratitude that manifests toward the people of God. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering supports those who have dedicated their lives to God's service by providing emergency assistance in times of need and a thank you check at the end of each year. We hope you will join us in honoring God's committed servants.

Donations will be taken through the month of November.

TRIMESTER BUSINESS MEETING



There will be a business meeting on **Sunday, December 5th**, immediately following the worship service at approximately **11:15 am**.

The 2022 budget, new officers, deacons, and counsel members are on the agenda.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP

To be able to get God's Word Out to **Middle school boys and girls**, there will be a **Bible Study on Thursdays** starting **November 4th** from 5:30-7:00 pm. If you know of any Middle School boy or girl; child, grandchild, or neighbor, let them know they are welcome. **If you need more details text or call Kathie Grob at 618-924-7017.**

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

November 7
Murl & Sue Johnson

November 14
Pat & Jan Etherton

November 21
Matt & Elaine Hardwig

November 28
Dave & Vicki Ardrey

If you are unable to help, please contact the church office

GREETERS

November 7
Robert Heiple & Tina Shinskey

November 14
Need Volunteers

November 21
Buddy & Helen Payne

November 28
Scott & Tina Evans

If you are unable to help, please contact the church office.



Poinsettia Orders

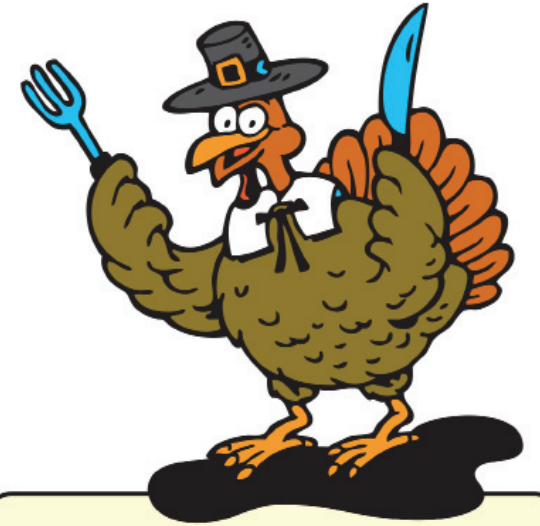
**ORDER A POINSETTIA
IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE**
8" foil-wrapped pot: \$15

Envelopes are at the
Welcome Center



You can order:
Pumpkin Pies
Chocolate Pies
Pumpkin Bread

Please call the church office to order!
Orders will be ready the week of
Thanksgiving.



November

**POST THIS ON YOUR
REFRIGERATOR!**

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

4	Rita Baltzell	22	Rodney Brown
8	Albert Boudet	27	Dale Blaise
9	Pauline Miller		
10	Linda Wright		
12	Trina Creath		
13	Lauren Samuel-Unger		
14	Paul Echols		
14	Dalton Rose		
15	Cathy Porter		
16	Bobby Boudet		
16	Adreanna Pilz		
17	Leah Rowe-Brown		
19	Julie Blandford		
20	Beverly Eastwood		
20	Gabriel Klaybor		



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

THANKS TO OUR MANY
VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 8:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 9:00 AM AWANA GO! 9:00 AM Small Groups 10:00 AM AWANA Kids Club 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Trunk or Treat 6:30 PM Next Gen Small Group	1 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 7:00 PM Crossfire HS Guys Group	2 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:30 AM Primetime-Reid's Harvest House 6:00 PM Crossfire HS Girls Group 7:00 PM Worship Team Practice	3 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 4:30 PM Crossfire Youth 5:00 PM Family Dinner 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:15 PM Choir	4 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study 10:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class 5:30 PM MS Small Group	5 7:30 AM Prayer in Pastor's Study	6
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